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**BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO
MAIL FRAUD AND THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**

Orlando, Florida - On January 10, 2007, ANTONIO GIULIANO, a 43 year old resident of Palm Bay, Florida, pled guilty to one count of Mail Fraud and one count of Theft of Government Property. Giuliano faces up to twenty-five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$882,000. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

According to the information and other documents filed with the Court, **GIULIANO** prepared tax returns for three individuals for the calendar year 2004. **GIULIANO** advised one victim that her tax refund would be deposited into her bank account. When the victim did not receive her tax refund after a few months, she repeatedly asked **GIULIANO** about the status of her tax refund. **GIULIANO** continuously provided the victim with different false stories about the IRS not issuing her tax refund when in fact he knew he had already received the victim's tax refund in the amount of \$4,079 and had used the money for his personal expenses.

GIULIANO, instead of providing a second victim with an accurate copy of the victim's tax return showing a refund of \$991, provided the victim with a tax return that showed that the victim owed \$69. **GIULIANO** had the tax refund deposited into his own bank account, never gave the tax refund to the victim, and used the money for his personal expenses.

Relating to a third victim, **GIULIANO**, instead of providing the victim with an accurate copy of the victim's tax return showing a refund of \$5,500, provided the victim with a tax return that showed that the victim owed \$1,182. **GIULIANO** had the tax refund deposited into his own bank account, never gave the tax refund to the victim, and used the money for his personal expenses.

GIULIANO also defrauded eighteen victims by claiming at various times that: a) he was an ex-broker of stocks and securities, b) had an investment club, and/or c) was an excellent money manager. While **GIULIANO** did have an investment club at one time, he dissolved the club in 2000 but continued to solicit money from the victims for investment purposes. The eighteen victims invested a total of approximately \$316,000 with **GIULIANO**, but **GIULIANO** never invested the money for the victims; rather, he used the money for his own personal living expenses.

The case was investigated by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney I. Randall Gold.